

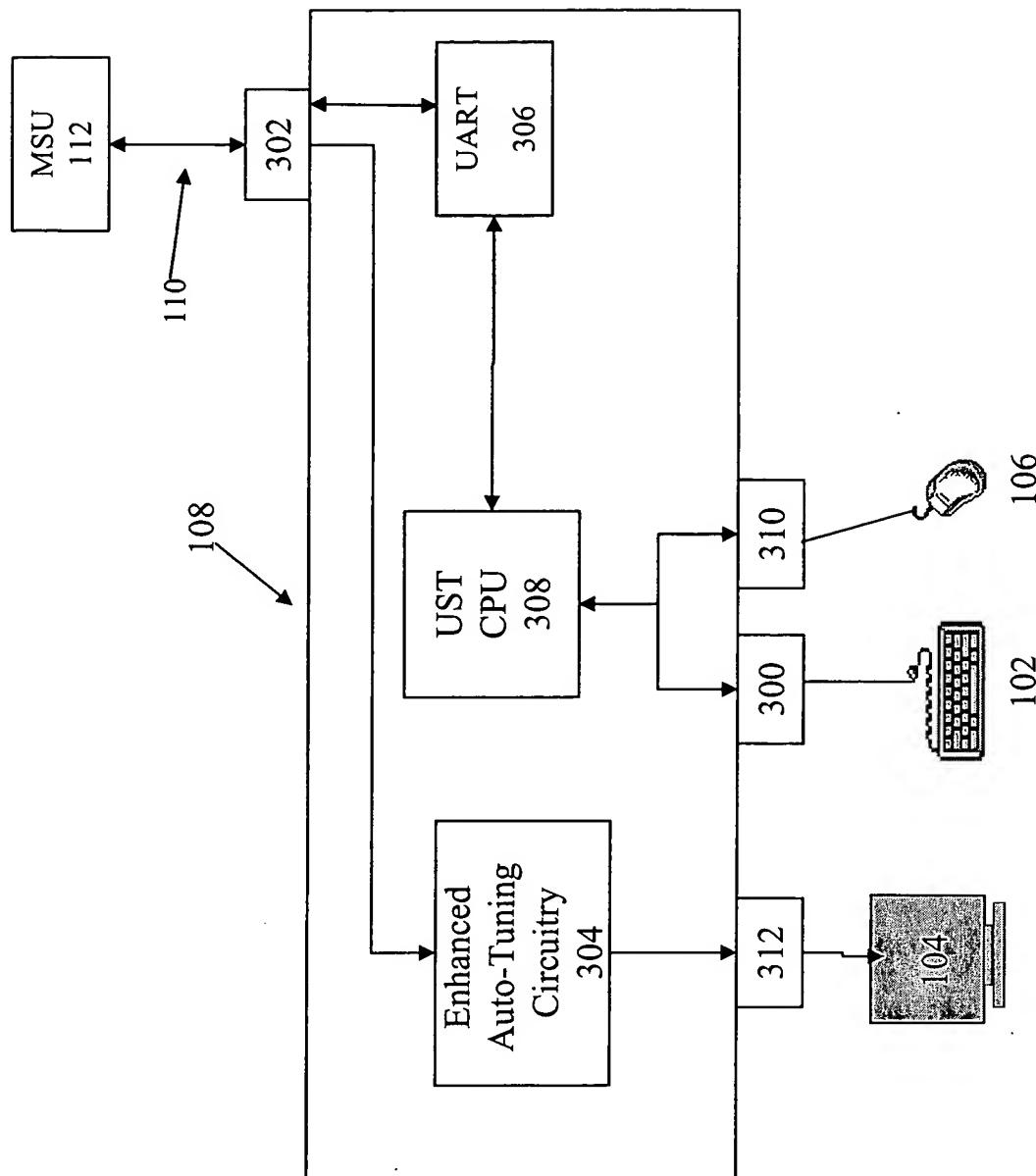
**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification to merely correct any inconsistencies between the written description and the drawings. No new matter has been added. Regarding the figures, Applicants submit that Figures 2A, 2B and 4B were not omitted from the original filing of the application. Rather, these figures were merely mislabeled. Applicants have carefully reviewed the specification and drawings to correct these errors and herein submit replacement figures 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 6 and 7. No new matter is added.

9                   Applicants respectfully submits that the present invention as claimed represents a  
10                  patentable contribution to the art and the application is in condition for allowance. Early and  
11                  favorable action is accordingly solicited.

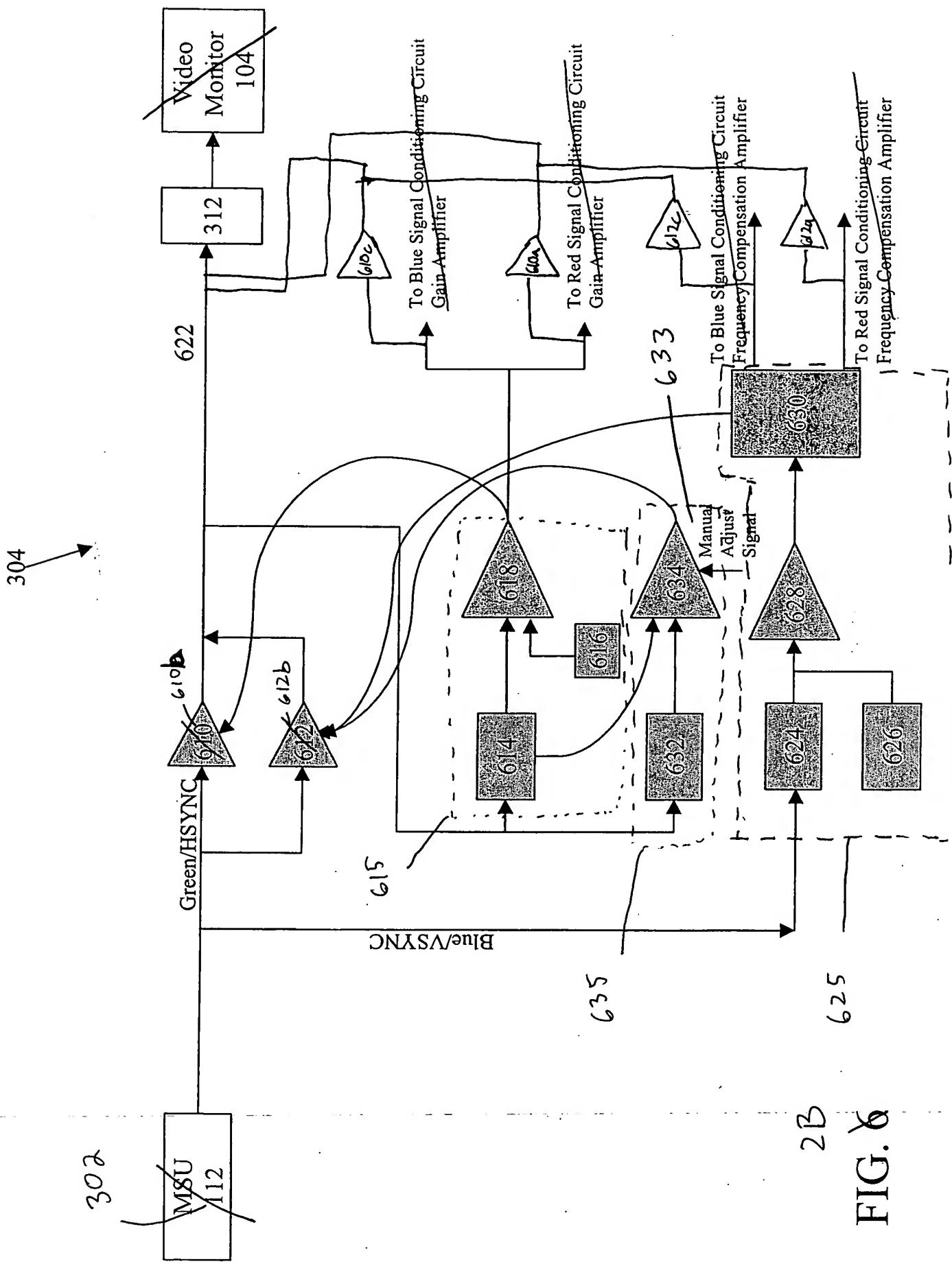
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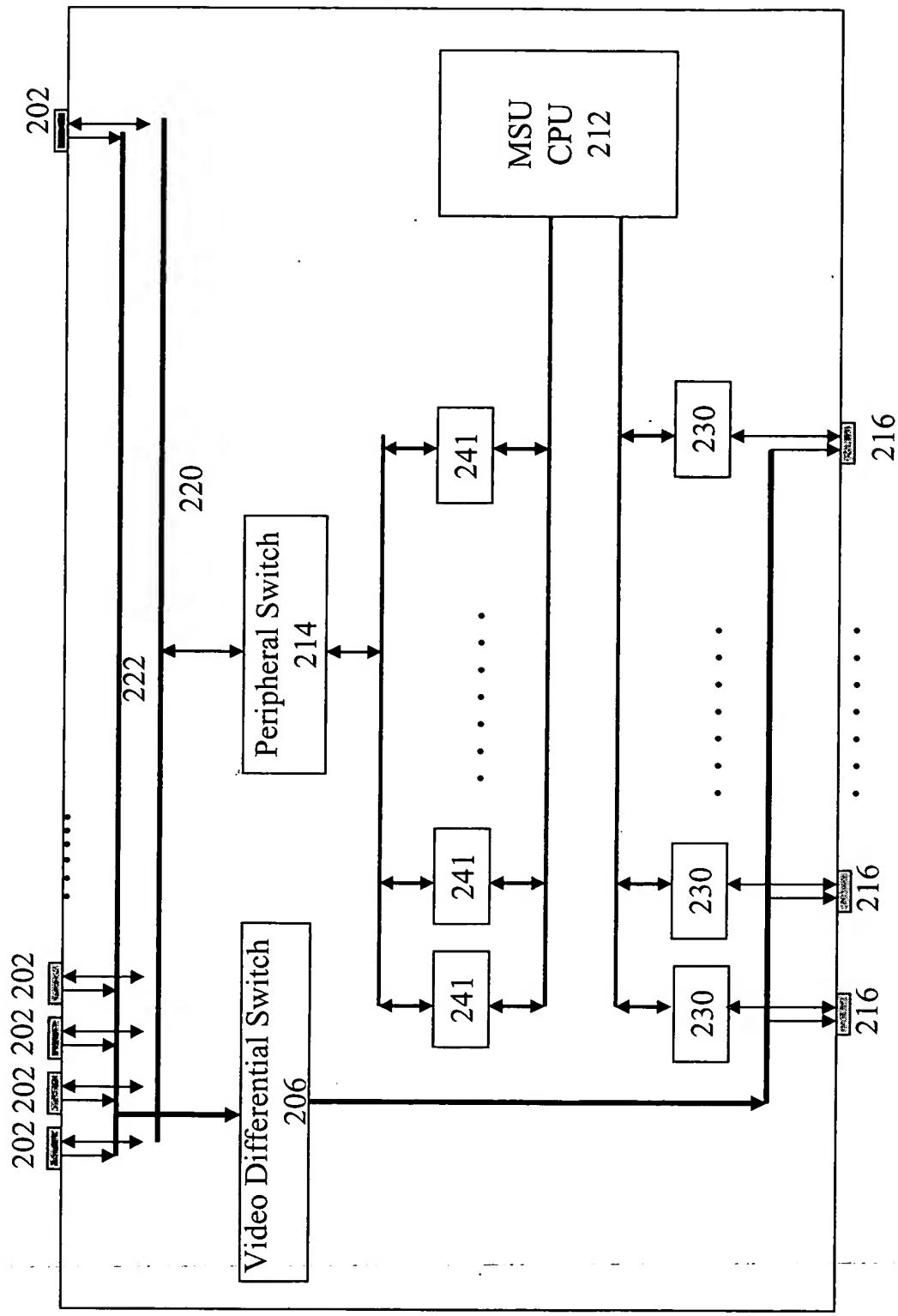
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"FIG. 3"*

**FIG. 2A**

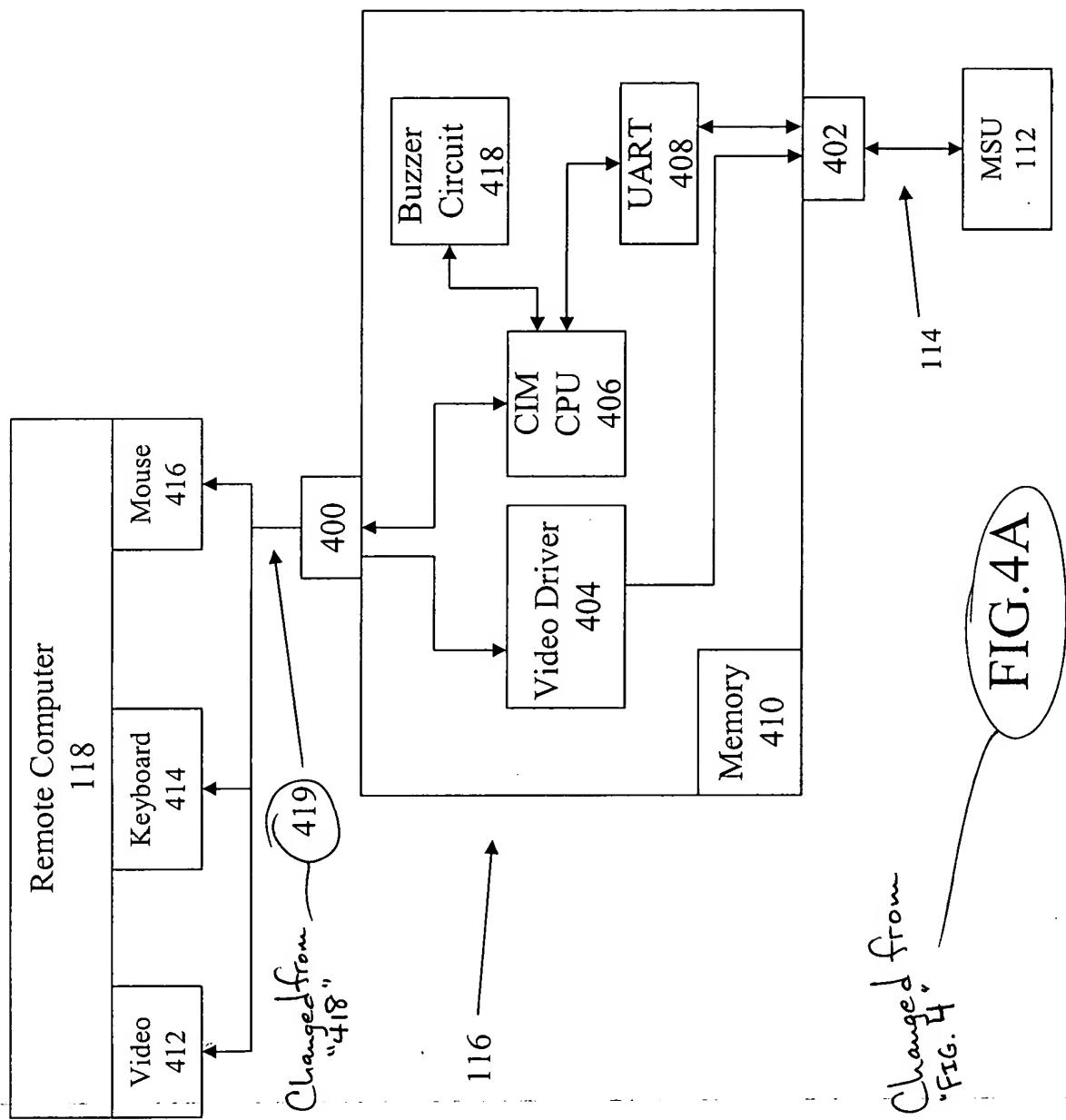


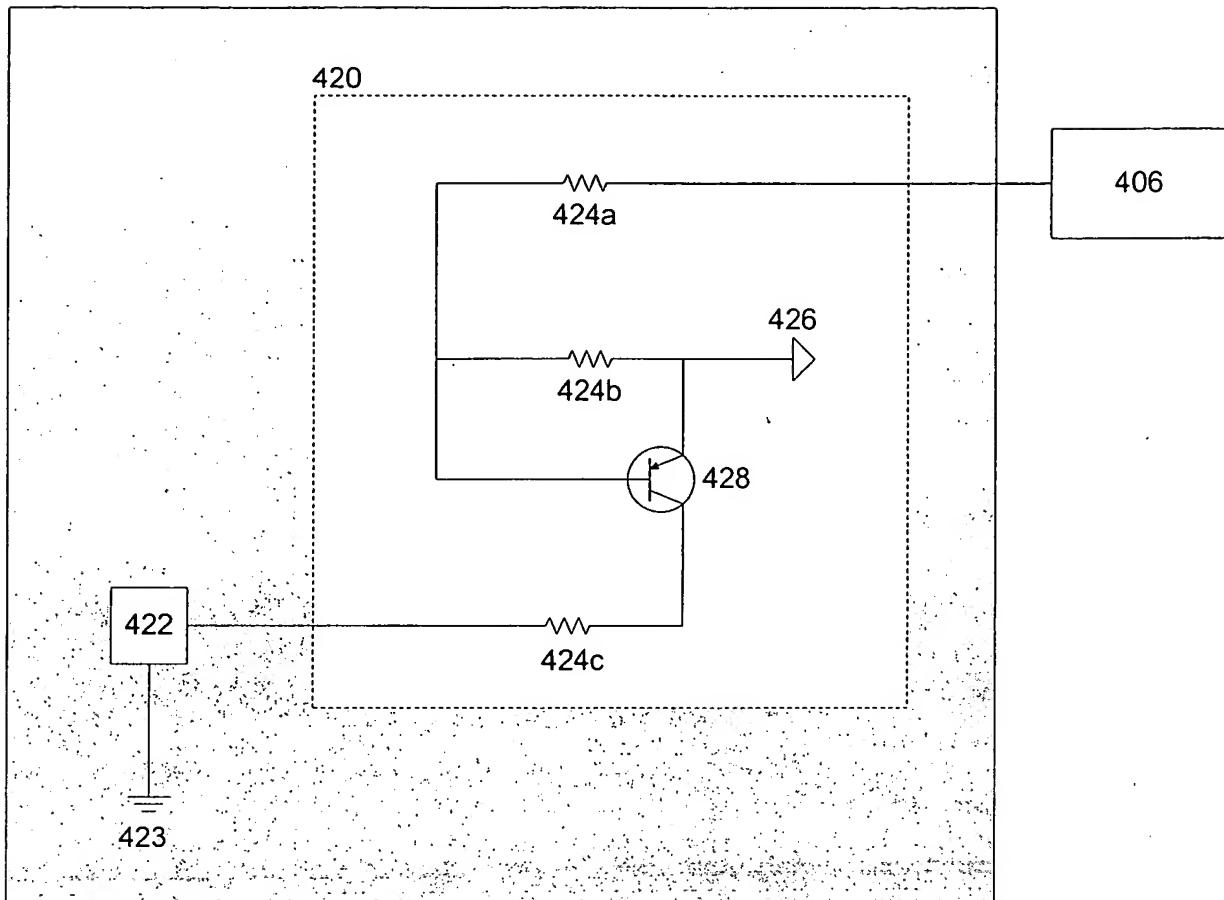


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FIG. 3





**FIG. 4B**

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"FIG. 4A"

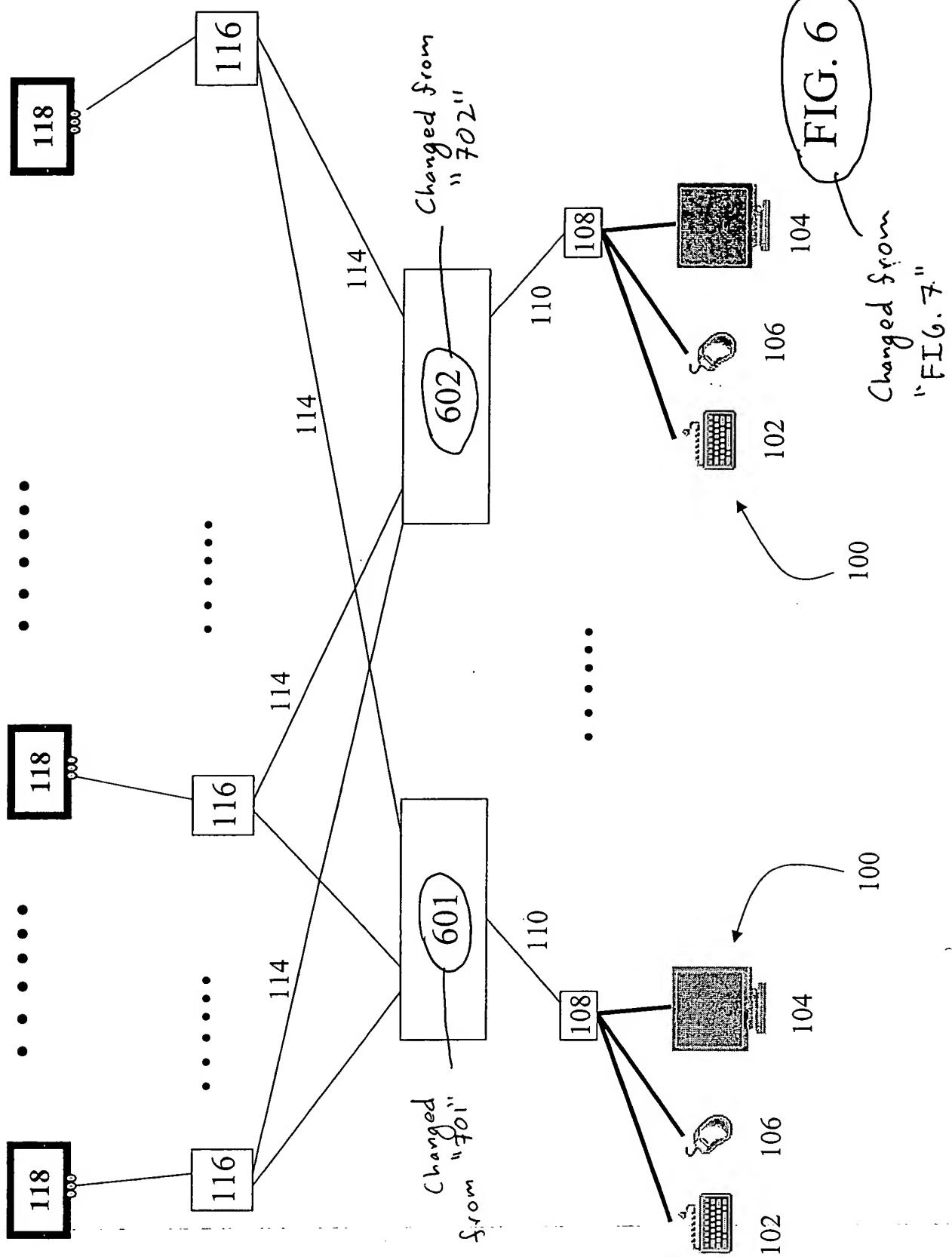


FIG. 8

